

APPENDIX B

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Council No. 635 Date 10/19/88
Full name Larry R. Hahn
(no initials if you can possibly get full name)
Social Security Number _____
Address _____
City Appleton State Wi ZIP Code 54915
Date of Birth May 1944 (This is important and should be exact.)
Approximate age 44 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)
Religion unknown Nationality _____
Occupation Sales Education unknown
Weight 215-230 approx. Height 5'9" Race white
Color of hair brown with gray Color of eyes unknown
Outstanding characteristics or interests overweight, large double chin, balding
Married or single single Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)
Spouse's name _____ Group of _____
Scouting connections: _____ Chartered organization Interested Citizens
ID # 019631
Unit No. 5011 City Appleton State Wi
Position Skipper Date registered 1967 Date resigned 10/10/88
Special recognition Silver Beaver
Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: suspected child sexual abuse
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INCLUDING HOW THE INFORMATION CAME TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION, AND LIST
ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CON-
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John M. Primrose

Dear Bob:

As you know, when I wrote you last February suspending Ship 5011 and all registrations, it was to be for the duration of the Larry Hahn investigation.

Even though Larry Hahn is in jail, linking investigations continue and pending litigation may keep the Hahn story in the media for years. That's the bad news.

The good news is that most registered adults with Ship 5011 were never associated with immoral conduct and law enforcement officials in their investigations conclude and support that opinion of the Bay-Lakes Council.

Now, with authorization from the National Council, we have reinstated your membership and payed up your registration so that no tenure is lost during this past suspension.

Unless you do not want to continue registration with the BSA, you do not need to contact us. You will be registered as a District Member at Large. If you wish, you can transfer to a unit at any time by notifying us.

We appreciate your patience and understanding that has endured this tragic event.

Sincerely,

John M. Primrose
Scout Executive

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cc: Wally McGill, Area Director
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Scout Executive
Bay Lakes Council, No. 635

FEB 14 1990

JULIE FIELDER

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL SUBJECT: CONFIDENTIAL FILE CORRESPONDENCE

Dear John:

We have files on both ~~Larry Hahn~~ and Reed Peot. Any other information which you have concerning both of these individuals would be most helpful. This would enable us to make any decisions required should there be any changes in their status.

We have carefully checked our files and correspondence related to Manlove, Krauss, and Kip and do not find any material concerning those individuals. I see no reason at this time to have a concern related to their registration unless you feel there is still a problem locally, because of the suspension of the other two individuals.

We will work with you and abide by your request as to the direction we should go in the future.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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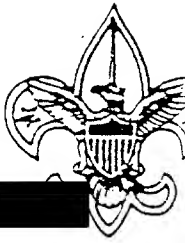
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Dear Debbie:

Attached are two more news articles in reference to the past Larry Hahn case. Also attached is a copy of the ESIS report and letter we sent to Chicago and the letter I've sent to Frank Lane with Wicker Smith in Miami per Sandra Dempsey's direction.

Two victims have called about counseling from the result of the editorial having been written. (article enclosed) The response was very positive.

Sincerely,

John M. Primrose
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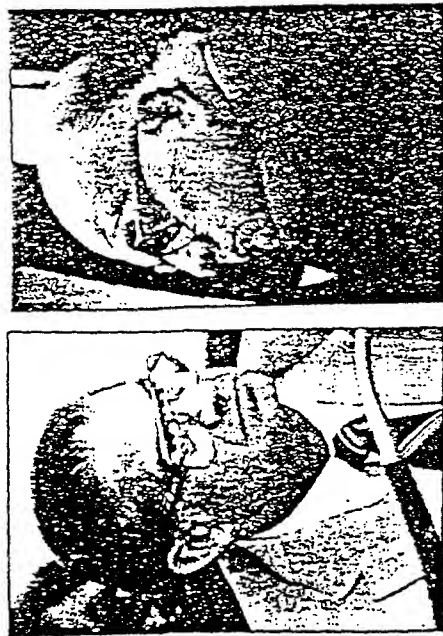
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Hahn's abuse case just beginning to unravel



KAUKAUNA POLICE Officer John Bigelow, left, and former Boy Scout leader Larry Hahn, right, are at the center of legal issues stemming from the sexual abuse of teen-age boys.

By Ed Culhane
Post-Crescent staff writer

Late last year, an angry boy sat down with pen and paper and began for the first time to describe his feelings about the man who had sexually exploited him. That man, 15-year-old Larry Hahn of Appleton, had been his Boy Scout leader.

"As you enter his house," the boy wrote, "a vile smell permeates the room. It is the smell of him, that great bulging pile of slop. A great belching cough will sound his coming...."

The boy's rage was a silent scream, a shock of words bunched onto a single sheet of paper. In the upper right hand corner is a scratchy drawing of a human figure trapped inside a clouded, close-fitting shell.

Hahn had lured him into an exploitive, homosexual relationship that came to include obscene photographs and acts of oral sex.

"As the gray drool drips from his bulging raw lower lip onto his Hawaiian shirt, you get a true impression of how massive he is," the boy wrote. "Prattling from the tatty dress is his arms, which flither around like a dying snake."

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the case against Hahn. The boy first showed it to his creative writing teacher at an Appleton high school. His pain would not remain unnoticed for long. Soon after he produced these words, Appleton police were contacted, and one of the most exhaustive investigations of sexual abuse in the history of the department was launched.

One month ago today, Hahn was sentenced to 20 years in prison for the sexual abuse of this boy and others. Detectives said Hahn had been sexually exploiting teen-age boys for 20 years. They identified 16 victims.

Far from ending the story, the sentencing of Hahn can be seen as a prelude. Two decades of sexual abuse are not easily laid by a brief court appearance.

In Kaukauna, where Hahn's Sea Scout program was based, a police officer stands accused of having concealed his knowledge of an incident in 1975 during which Hahn, his friend, displayed a knife while sexually assaulting a 15-year-old boy.

Five former Sea Scouts, including the victim of that attack, testified last week that John Bigelow, an 18-year veteran of the Kaukauna po-

lice force, was told about the assault that summer 14 years ago but failed to take any action.

Moreover, they said, the officer advised them against pursuing their complaint for fear of damaging the Sea Scouts, an advanced explorer program for Boy Scouts that gave teen-age boys the opportunity to maintain and operate large, seaworthy boats.

Bigelow has denied the accusation. He has no recollection of the incident, he said, and he has offered to take a polygraph test to prove his innocence.

The case is being heard by the Kaukauna Police and Fire Commission which could fire or suspend the officer if it considers the charge well founded. Testimony is set to resume Aug. 30 after a variety of legal complications are unraveled.

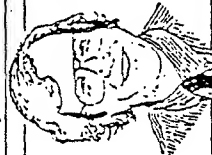
Bigelow's attorney, Gordon McQuillen, has argued that the 1975 incident has been blown out of proportion, and he has sought to show that Bigelow has been treated unfairly by Kaukauna police officials.

At about the same time Bigelow was charged, an Appleton attorney, Robert Coonin, filed a notice of claim against the City of Kau-

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Plea to help Scouts answered

"I am writing to you with the hope that you may be able to help my son. I don't know who else to turn to."

Having read the start of the letter, I quickly looked to the end to see who had signed it. All it said was: Mother of an abused Scout.

Most unsigned letters that arrive in newspaper offices are of the crank variety, taking potshots at us or at other people who are in the news without fear of public embarrassment or reprisals. We generally give them the attention they deserve, which is very little.

But this one, neatly written in a small script, was different, a fact that became more evident as I read on.

"My son (I'll call him Frank) is a former Sea Scout in Larry Hahn's Explorer Troop."

The mother wrote that she felt then, and news coverage now convinces her that she was right, that many Sea Scouts had been sexually abused during the 1970s.

In 1975, I was contacted by a parent of another Scout regarding the Scout meeting to be held that evening. The parent told me of the sexual abuse forced on the boys by Skip. I was also told a number of parents were planning to confront him that night, and that the Scouts all knew this would take place.

When I questioned my son, he said Officer Bigelow and a reporter from the Kaukauna Times had also been contacted and would be at the meeting. Frank asked me not to come.

It seems that parents and Scouts weren't the only people who know about plans to confront Hahn at the meeting. Hahn also knew.

Skip has been warned, and he brought his father along to the meeting. They both had been taken out to dinner by adult advisers and all arrived together.

It also seems that Hahn had taken steps to avoid any embarrassing disclosures at the meeting. The efforts evidently worked. Hahn's father had founded the Sea Scout program in the area, and was widely respected. So when Larry Hahn and his father arrived at the meeting, both wearing Sea Scout uniforms, the parents meekly said nothing, not wanting to embarrass the father because of the son.

That night was the only time I asked Frank if he had been abused. He told me "no," but that other Scouts had been.

She never asked him again, and he stayed with the Sea Scouts until he was 17. Now, more than a decade later, the mother has reason to think her son's experiences during those years are having a lingering effect on him.

Frank changed from an easy-going, happy youth to a man unable to handle even the smallest frustrations encountered in daily life.... He has serious emotional problems.... I am very concerned that someday he may commit suicide if he doesn't get the help he so desperately needs.

Since the letter was not signed, I was beginning to wonder where it was heading, and what I was supposed to do with it. The mother did not leave me wondering for long.

I'm writing to you because I feel free counseling should be made available to all Scouts and former Scouts in Skip's Explorer program. I feel many former Scouts who are too ashamed to seek help may do so if the



Mike Walter

Editor, The Post-Crescent

Counselor is already aware of the abuse.

Scout Executive John Primrose of the Boy-Lakes Council not only not insensitive to pleas such as Frank's mother's, but he is several steps ahead of her, as he explained to me.

When police began investigating allegations against Hahn and contacted the Scout office, they were told that the Scouts were being counseled for any of Hahn's victims. Police didn't want to pay Scouters jeopardizing their investigation, so the police themselves victims about the offer.

But that was not the extent of such notification. The Boy Scout office believed it had no practical way of contacting all potential victims, but nevertheless sent letters to all recent Sea Scouts, informing them of free counseling was available through the council office.

Primrose also is eager to get the word out to any other possible victims — such as Frank — to let them know that the Boy Scout organization feels a moral, if not necessarily a legal, responsibility for what happened to the boys. And so he asked me to convey the word that Frank's mother, the families of other abused Scouts or the victims themselves may pho him at 734-5705, and he will tell them how to enroll in the free counseling.

The callers are guaranteed of confidentiality, Primrose promises.



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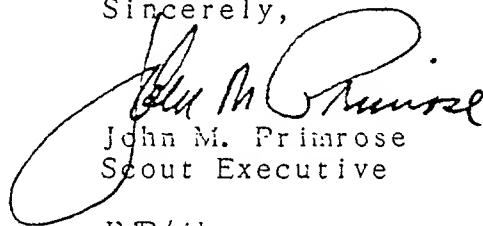
Dear Paul:

Enclosed are four more articles that are off-shoots from the Larry Hahn case. This includes charges against Officer Bigelow for ignoring Sea Scouts in 1975 when they told Bigelow about Hahn's abuse. This made the front page of a local daily newspaper for four consecutive days and there was plenty of television coverage.

This episode is only a hearing with the Police and Fire Commissioner. There is also a lawsuit by a victim and his parents against Bigelow, the Department and the City of Kaukauna.

Unfortunately, there will be plenty more to follow.

Sincerely,


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Police hearing opens into sex abuse

By Ed Culhane

Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA — In a tape recording played this morning, Police officer John Bigelow denied any knowledge that Sea Scouts were being sexually abused 14 years ago by former Scout leader Larry Hahn.

The police tape-recorded a meeting between Kaukauna Police Chief William Appleton, Assistant Chief Patrick Campbell and Bigelow on May 8, during which Bigelow was confronted with charges that he had covered up juvenile sexual abuse.

"Nobody ever approached me and told me anything about Larry Hahn doing anything to the kids," Bigelow told his superiors last May. Bigelow also denied ever having provided beer to the Sea Scouts or drinking beer with them.

"I think the easiest way to solve this, Chief, is set up a polygraph for me. That would be the easiest way."

Bigelow said during the interview that he had no idea that Hahn was using his position as a Scout leader to entice boys into sexual activity.

"I had ideas that Larry might have been queer or gay, but I never ...," Bigelow said, in an incomplete sentence on the tape.

Bigelow expressed shock that he was being accused of misconduct.

"I can't believe this is happening," he said during the interview.

There was no indication that a polygraph test was ever administered to Bigelow.

Earlier this morning, a police detective from Appleton testified that Bigelow was once photographed in a Nazi uniform with his arms across

Testimony today marked the beginning of a four-day hearing before the Kaukauna Police and Fire Commission which could result in Bigelow's dismissal from the police force.

Charges against Bigelow were filed by the police chief.

Geenen said other photographs showed Bigelow in his police uniform at the Scouts' Kaukauna Sea Base in the presence of juvenile Scouts who had beer bottles in their hands.

Bigelow's defense attorney, Gordon McQuillen of Madison, asked Geenen why he was concerned about Bigelow in a Nazi uniform and why that photograph was given to Kaukauna police officials.

"I had no concern about Officer Bigelow in a Nazi uniform," Geenen said.

Geenen said the photograph was important because it demonstrated the friendly relationship Bigelow maintained with the Sea Scouts.

The charges against Bigelow state that in the late summer of 1975 Bigelow was approached by a group of Sea Scouts who allegedly told him that one of the Scouts had been sexually attacked by Hahn, who was armed with a knife.

Bigelow allegedly told the boys not to pursue the matter for fear of damaging the Sea Scout program.

Geenen testified that he, along with Appleton, Police Chief David Gorski and Capt. Leo Bosch, met with Appleton and Campbell on May 5 to inform them of the allegations concerning Bigelow.

Geenen and Appleton Police Det. Dan Wood, key both testified this morning that Bigelow's name surfaced repeatedly during their massive investigation beginning in October 1988 into Hahn's activities for the past two decades.



Post-Crescent photo by Bob V. McNamee

JOHN BIGELOW listens to evidence at this morning's hearing.

the shoulders of two juvenile Sea Scouts. Appleton Det. Patrick Geenen said the photograph was among several seized from Hahn during a recent investigation into allegations that Hahn sexually abused juvenile Scouts for more than 14 years.

Bigelow faces administrative charges in which he is accused of drinking beer with juvenile boys while on duty and with ignoring the complaints of several Scouts in 1975 that Hahn had sexually assaulted a Scout.

Bigelow accuser quizzed

By Ed Cullane
Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA — The attorney for John Bigelow attacked the testimony this morning of a key witness against the suspended police officer as the presentation of Police Chief William Appleton's case against Bigelow draws to a close.

Defense attorney Gordon McQuillen is seeking to discredit the testimony of Air Force Sgt. Mark Atkins, 31, the former Sea Scout who said it was his idea to make a tape recording in 1975 describing the violent sexual assault of a 15-year-old boy by former Scout leader Larry Hahn. Atkins said he was present during the summer of 1975 when the tape was played for Bigelow at the Scout's Kauhona Sea Base. Atkins said he still might have the tape, but he has been unable to locate it.

Bigelow is accused of failing to report the incident after several scouts approached him 14 years ago with information about the assault.

Atkins is the fifth former Sea Scout to testify against Bigelow. The straight-backed soldier has given the most detailed account so far of the events surrounding Hahn's attack on the teenager.

During the lengthy cross-examination this morning, McQuillen confronted Atkins with various inconsistencies between his testimony and the statements he gave previously to investigators.

Atkins is the only witness to testify that Hahn used a knife to cut away clothing from the boy, but his accounts of the attack have differed in his various statements.

He said he saw the boy, who he considered "a little brother," just after the assault occurred.

"His coveralls were a mess," Atkins said. "They were torn, shredded, cut,

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bleeding, soiled. He was shaking. He was terrified."

The victim of the attack testified Monday that the assault ended when Hahn cut himself with his own knife.

Atkins said that on the afternoon of the incident he confronted Hahn, his hand still bandaging the cut to his hand.

"He looked at me like he had seen a devil, and God was not pleased," Atkins said.

Hahn refused to talk about what had happened, Atkins said.

Hahn is currently serving a 20-year prison sentence for juvenile sexual assault and juvenile sexual exploitation as the result of an investigation started in late 1988 by the Appleton Police Department.

Those charges are the result of assaults that took place during the 1980s.

Testifying Tuesday afternoon, Atkins said the tape recording he and other Scouts made in 1975 in order to preserve a record of the assaults described the attack in detail, including Hahn's use of the hunting knife.

"Larry thrust the knife in front of (the boy) so (the boy) would see it, and he began shaking off his coveralls. (The boy) was very scared," Atkins said.

"I would feel the knife on my back by."

When they played the tape for Bigelow, Atkins said, the police officer told them it was a very serious charge and that he would speak to his superiors and get back to them.

Several days later, Atkins said, Bigelow spoke to them again.

"There Jack (Bigelow) told us that it was a very serious matter that very difficult to prove and that, therefore, it would not be in our best interests to pursue it. He told us we'd probably end up losing."

Atkins testified that Bigelow told

the boys that their Boy Scout Explorer program might be shut down if Hahn were implicated.

"He said (that) of your Larry," Atkins said. "The ship (Sea Base) was going to be shut down."

Atkins said that the former Sea Scout who had testified, said he had no doubt then or now that the 15-year-old boy was truthful in describing the assault.

He said others have conceded that the boy was a troubled youth and had a reputation for exaggerating and making up stories.

Atkins said he and his friends believed they had exhausted their options after talking to Bigelow.

"We were kids. When a guy in uniform tells you you don't have a legal shot at it, what can you do? I did not like what was going on. It seemed kind of funny to me that people were protecting Larry Hahn."

It was as if nobody gave a damn about the assault, Atkins said.

Atkins said that former Sea Scout Fred Keshab, 31, testified that in addition to the tape recording, several Scouts made written statements describing Hahn's attack on the boy.

"What happened to (the statements)," asked City Atty. Don.

and Green, who is presenting Ken- baum's case against the suspended officer.

"We wanted them to Officer Bigelow," Keshab said.

"No, you ever see them again?" In response to a question from McQuillen, Keshab said he didn't believe it would have been possible for any reasonable adult in Bigelow's position to assume that no sexual assault had occurred.

All five former Scouts who have testified that Hahn was a common law violator and that he was a trouble maker for the Sea Scout unit, said they were juveniles to drink large quantities of beer at the Kaukauna Sea Base.

The former Scouts said the beer was usually supplied by Hahn. Atkins testified that Bigelow sometimes brought beer to the base, which he gave to Hahn.

The Scouts all testified that Bigelow came to the base at least twice a week during the summer of 1975 and sometimes drank beer with them.

Bigelow said he was a trouble maker and never drank with juveniles.

Bigelow faces the loss of the job or a disciplinary suspension if it is determined by the Kaukauna Police and Fire Commission that he violated police department regulations.

Wrong charges filed against Bigelow

By Ed Culhane

Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA — The Police and Fire Commission suspended testimony this morning into administrative charges against police officer John Bigelow after determining that Police Chief William Appleton referred to the wrong state statutes when he drafted the charges.

The case against Bigelow will resume Aug. 30 with an additional three days set aside for testimony and arguments. Bigelow remains suspended with pay.

Bigelow is accused of failing to report information about the sexual assault of a teen-age boy in 1975. Appleton testified Wednesday that in drafting the charge against Bigelow he consulted state statute 940.225 which defines sexual assault and its various degrees.



Bigelow

Defense attorney Gordon McQuillen then moved for dismissal of the charges against Bigelow because that statute, or anything similar to it, did not exist in 1975. The law which greatly expanded the definitions of sexual assault was not adopted until 1976, he said.

"My argument here is that the chief cannot make a principled argument to charge the guy when he didn't even know what the applicable statute was," McQuillen told reporters after Wednesday's proceedings.

City Atty. Donald Green, who represents Kaukauna's police chief, argued that citing the correct 1975 statute as a basis for the charges against Bigelow would not change the facts of the case. The assault of the boy as it was allegedly described to Bigelow 14 years ago

would still have been a crime.

"The circumstances that have been introduced would not change if the 1975 statute was the one forwarded to the other party," Green said.

Attorney James Korom, a labor law specialist hired to represent the commission, said the delay will give Green time to redraft the charges against Bigelow. It will also allow McQuillen the unusual opportunity to prepare new objections to testimony already received into evidence.

The commission's ruling was designed to ensure a fair hearing for the officer while preventing the need to start a new hearing from scratch, Korom said. The ruling preserves three full days of testimony, although some of that testimony could be stricken based on new objections by McQuillen.

In testimony before the break Wednesday, Appleton said

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that although the statements of a half dozen former Sea Scouts about the events of 1975 do vary, he attributes the inconsistencies to the passage of time.

Five of those Scouts have testified at the hearing that they told Bigelow in 1975 that a 15-year-old boy in their group had been violently attacked and sexually molested by former Scout leader Larry Hahn. They testified that the police officer advised them not to pursue their complaint.

The police chief said he believes Bigelow lied when he denied any knowledge of the 1975 incident.

"I think that it's incredulous to

say that all these statements (by former Sea Scouts) are totally wrong, and he has no recollection," Appleton said. "I feel that the officer is unreliable and untrustworthy. I feel his credibility is done, and he can no longer serve effectively on the police department in this city."

Appleton went on to testify that Bigelow did not have a good reputation for veracity in the department and had once been cited for failing to back up another officer.

"Jack was good at covering up for Jack," Appleton said. "He minimized everything with anything. He always had an excuse or tried to worm his way out of it."

McQuillen said today the testimony against Bigelow is not believ-

able. "I think the testimony of the former Scouts is reminiscent of the childhood game of 'telephone' where the message gets passed from one child to another."

The ending message bears little resemblance to the first message, he said.

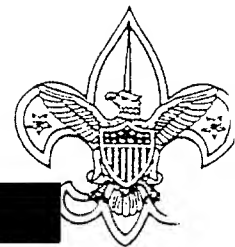
McQuillen pointed to the testimony Wednesday of physician Jeffrey Manlove, who was an adult leader of the Scouts in 1975. Manlove said he recalls no allegations of a sexual assault involving the 15-year-old boy. Manlove said he recalls only reports of a "shoving" or "slapping" incident.

"I doubt if it was as overtly sexual in nature as anyone is currently complaining," McQuillen said.



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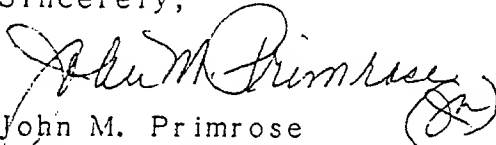
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Dear Paul:

Enclosed is the news article indicating that Larry Hahn received a 20 year sentencing for his child sexual abuse.

The other article involving the law suit between a Hahn victim, his parents and the City of Kaukauna will, unfortunately, keep the Hahn story in the papers for months and maybe years to come.

Sincerely,


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Hahn gets 20-year sentence

By Ed Culhane
Post-Crescent staff writer

One by one, the three young men faced a crowded Outagamie County courtroom Wednesday and spoke in unforgiving detail about the sexual abuse they suffered at the hands of former Boy Scout leader Larry Hahn.

After hearing this testimony, Judge Dee Dyer sentenced the 46-year-old Hahn to 20 years and



in the maximum time allowed under the charges of sexual assault and sexual exploitation to which Hahn pleaded guilty 10 weeks ago.

"You turned your relationships into a sick game of control and power for your own gratification," Dyer said. "This, Mr. Hahn, is the most aggravated case of of this kind that I've ever seen."

Two of the victims were lured into sexually degrading, homosexual relationships at a time when most teen-age boys are trying to define their masculinity. All three asked that Hahn be given the maximum sentence.

"Sometimes he would take me to Green Bay to the gay bars and say I was his lover and show me off," one young man testified.

He said he was once displayed naked by Hahn before a group of four or five men in Green Bay who performed acts of masturbation over him.

He and one other witness testified that Hahn took dozens of photographs that showed them and other boys them engaged in bizarre sexual acts and poses. They described both oral and anal sex. Each said he has suffered ongoing emotional distress.

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Hahn

The youngest of them, a man who turned 18 just two months ago, was asked the effect of the abuse on his emotions.

"Cluttered. Troubled. Crushed," he responded.

The other two witnesses are now 29 years old. The spoke of events in 1975 when they were 15.

The other man, who spoke of sexual assaults that occurred 14 years ago, said the effect still lingers.

"It's hard..." he said. "My wife, I love her a lot. It's hard for me to be intimate with her."

Two Appleton detectives, Dan Woodley and Pat Geenen, spent six months building a case against Hahn. They uncovered a history of sexual abuse that dated back at

most two decades. The detectives were eventually able to identify 10 victims, many of whom had never told another person that they had been sexually used by their former Scout leader.

"This is a case that involves the robbery of the innocence of youth," Assistant Dist. Atty. John Des Jardins told the court.

Des Jardins called Hahn a predator who alternated between "violent and aggressive" attacks and the manipulation of troubled youths.

He said Hahn had the chance to reform himself in 1975 when several Scouts told a police officer and another adult adviser about one of Hahn's sexual assaults. Hahn must have known there were complaints, Des Jardins said, but nothing changed.

"He continued on a rampage of self-gratification on the children

that were coming into his care and custody," the prosecutor said.

Defense attorney Leonard Kachinsky asked that Hahn be given an extended period of probation with one year in jail. He said Hahn was caring for his ailing father and mother.

"He comes to the court having been publicly humiliated," Kachinsky said.

Given his chance to speak, Hahn apologized to the victims and their families. He said others in his situation might consider suicide.

"With God's help, and the help from family and friends, I have overcome this," he said. "I am very glad that I was caught, that those who I hurt are being helped."

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1989

Bigelow's lawyer goes on the attack

By Ed Cuihane
Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA — The attorney representing suspended police officer John Bigelow said today that Police Chief William Appleton faces an "insurmountable barrier" in attempting to prove that Bigelow should be fired.

Madison attorney Gordon McQuillen, appointed by the statewide police union to defend Bigelow, said police records no longer exist from 1975 when Bigelow is alleged to have ignored a report of juvenile sexual abuse.

"Jack Bigelow is accused of not having done something 14 years ago," McQuillen told reporters. "We cannot even determine if Mr. Bigelow was on duty at those amorphous times that he's alleged to have done something wrong."

McQuillen's comments came as the city's Police and Fire Commission opened an administrative hearing on charges the chief filed against Bigelow. The hearing is scheduled to resume Aug. 7 with up to four days of testimony anticipated.

The commission met this morning with the three attorneys involved in the case to set the ground rules for the hearing. The commis-

sion is represented by Milwaukee attorney Jim Korom, a specialist in public sector employment law. The police chief is represented by Kaukauna's city attorney, Donald Green.

Bigelow is accused of covering up the reported sexual abuse of a juvenile boy by former Boy Scout leader Larry Hahn in 1975. Hahn led the Sea Scouts, who met in Kaukauna, for almost 20 years. Bigelow was a friend of Hahn and an adult adviser to the Scouts. He was often present at the Kaukauna meeting site, former Scouts have said.

Hahn was convicted this past May on felony counts of sexual assault and child pornography after a six-month investigation by Appleton police that uncovered what investigators called two decades of sexual abuse. Hahn is accused of luring Scouts to his Appleton home and other locations where he engaged in sexual contact with them. He was to be sentenced this afternoon.

The administrative charges against Bigelow include an allegation that in 1975 a group of Scouts came to him with a report that Hahn had sexually assaulted a Scout while using a knife to

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threaten the boy. Bigelow is alleged to have advised the boys not to pursue their complaint.

Other charges against Bigelow are that he provided beer to underage Scouts and that he improperly activated the emergency lights on his squad on a city street at the request of a Boy Scout.

In the complaint against Bigelow, Appleton said Bigelow's "intentional inaction" amounted to a "blatant coverup." He argued that the officer could no longer be trusted with a badge.

McQuillen said Bigelow denies the charges. The defense attorney said the passage of 14 years since the time of the alleged coverup make it as difficult for Bigelow to defend himself as it does for Appleton to prove his case.

McQuillen told the commission this morning that he will file a written legal argument in support of his contention that too much time has passed for his client to receive a fair hearing. He also said the hearing raised constitutional issues about his client's rights to due process.

"His reputation was savagely damaged when Chief Appleton went public with these charges," the defense attorney said after this morning's session.

McQuillen told commission members that he intends to interview at least 47 people before the hearing resumes, and he indicated that he may have difficulty preparing his case by Aug. 7.

The hearing will be complicated by the fact that several of the witnesses were juveniles in 1975. McQuillen could be stymied in his attempts to subpoena records on juvenile witnesses.

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Dear John:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

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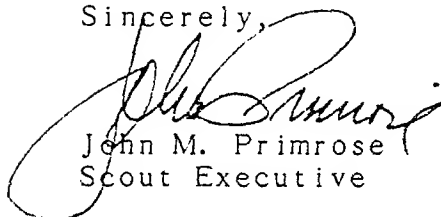
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Dear Paul:

Attached is even more additional news clippings on the Larry Hahn case. It appears that this will continue to be newsworthy for quite sometime.

I will continue to send additional news information including Larry Hahn's sentencing unless you let me know it is not necessary.

Sincerely,


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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1989

Closed-door Bigelow review draws protest

By Ed Culhane
Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA — The attorney representing suspended police officer John Bigelow said today that the Police & Fire Commission had no legal right to consider charges against his client behind closed doors.

"They have absolutely no business reviewing those charges in closed session," said Madison attorney Gordon McQuillen. "That is a severe deprivation of my client's rights. I searched the statutes in vain looking of a section that allows them to do that."

After the closed session Tuesday afternoon, Chairman Rinert Wenzel said the commission had scheduled a two-day public hearing to begin July 12 on charges of dereliction of duty filed against Bigelow by Police Chief William Appleton.

The commission also voted to retain Appleton City Atty. Greg Carman to provide the commission with legal advice during the hearing. Kaukauna's city attorney, Donald Green, will represent the police chief and act as a quasi-prosecutor, calling witnesses against Bigelow.

Bigelow is accused of ignoring reports in 1975 that Boy Scout Leader Larry Hahn was sexually abusing Sea Scouts. Bigelow, who has been on the Kaukauna police force for 18 years, was an adult adviser to the Scouts and was often at the Scout's Kaukauna Sea Base in uniform.

Hahn pleaded guilty May 4 to felony counts of second-degree sexual assault and child pornography and to a misdemeanor charge of using a juvenile for sexual gratification. The investigators who broke the case identified 16 victims and said the sexual abuse of juvenile boys had gone on for almost two decades.

In a letter to Wenzel, Appleton said Bigelow was told by several Sea Scouts in 1975 about an incident in which Hahn attempted to sexually molest a juvenile boy while armed with a knife. Bigelow never filed a report or informed his superior officers about the allegations, Appleton wrote.

Bigelow, 45, is also accused of providing beer

Bigelow

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to Sea Scouts, many of whom were too young to legally drink. A third charge states that Bigelow once demonstrated the use of his squad car's emergency lights on a city street at the request of a Sea Scout.

McQuillen called the charges "outrageous" this morning, and said he will seek their outright dismissal. At the very least, he said, he will seek to have the hearing postponed so that he can prepare his client's case.

McQuillen said Bigelow denies ever hearing the accusations against Hahn.

"We think this stuff is entirely false," McQuillen said. "These charges are ill-founded, inappropriate, untimely and excessive."

In addition to Wenzel, three commission members were present at Tuesday's meeting — Robert De Bruin, Jacquelyn Van Abel and Russel De La Hunt. Commissioner Donald Kessler is out of town. No one else was present.

Wenzel said Green had requested two days for the public hearing.

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Post-Crescent file photo

JOHN BIGELOW is shown talking on a CB radio.

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Ex-Scout cites poor judgment

By Ed Culhane
Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA — A former Sea Scout who approached Patrolman John Bigelow 14 years ago to report that a boy had been sexually attacked by Scout Leader Larry Hahn said today that Bigelow doubted the boy's truthfulness.

"He (Bigelow) was kind of winging things," said Stu Schmitz, one of several former Sea Scouts who knew Bigelow in 1975 when the officer was an adult adviser to the Scouts.

"The particular Scout involved was not known for being particularly truthful," Schmitz said. "He was kind of a screw off."

Bigelow has been charged with dereliction of duty for failing to report the alleged sexual abuse to his superior officers in 1975. Hahn was arrested earlier this year by Appleton police after what investigators have said was a two-decade history of sexually abusing juvenile boys.

He is scheduled to be sentenced July 12 on felony charges of sexual assault and pornography.

In formal written charges against Bigelow, Kaukauna Police Chief William Appleton stated that several young people suffered the consequences of Bigelow's "intentional inaction."

Calling Bigelow's inaction a "blatant cover-up," Appleton has asked the Police & Fire Commission to fire the 45-year-old officer. "I feel that Officer Bigelow has lost his credibility with the department and the community and is no longer trustworthy to carry on the duties of a police officer," Appleton wrote to the commission.

The boy involved had asked the other Scouts not to leave him alone with Hahn, Schmitz said. When they asked why, the boy said Hahn had attempted to sexually molest him and had threatened him with a knife. The boy said he gained control of the knife and cut Hahn with it, preventing the assault from being completed.

The Scouts, fearing that their story would not be believed, made a tape recording of the boy's story and played it for Bigelow one day when the uniformed officer was at the Scout's base in Kaukauna.

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Dear Paul:

To keep you abreast of the Larry Hahn case, attached are several news clippings with a law suit that fortunately does not involve us.

I thought you would like to have. I have shared these with my Area Director, Wally McGill, and Gene Cruse and Debra Duhs. Please share with additional people if necessary.

Sincerely,

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THE POST-CRESCENT

APPLETON-NEENAH-MENASHA, WISCONSIN

Officer suspended; may have ignored sex abuse

By Ed Culhane
Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA — An Appleton family has filed a claim against the city of Kaukauna and its police department alleging that a police officer failed to act on the knowledge that a Boy Scout leader was sexually abusing his Scouts.

Police Chief William Appleton said Friday night that he has suspended the officer, an 18-year veteran on the force, with pay pending an investigation and the possible filing of charges with the Kaukauna Police and Fire Commission.

The family alleges in the claim that the city and the Kaukauna Police Department (in the person of the officer) became aware of the sexual abuse of Scouts by Larry R. Hahn in 1975. By failing to act, the claim charges, the police department allowed the sexual abuse of teen-age boys to continue unabated for 14 years.

Hahn, a 45-year-old Appleton resident, will be sentenced July 12 in Outagamie County Circuit Court. He pleaded guilty on May 4 to felony charges of second-degree sexual assault and child pornography and a misdemeanor charge of com-

mitting an act of sexual gratification with a juvenile. Hahn, who is free on bond, faces up to 20 years in prison.

The claim was filed with the Kaukauna city clerk's office Friday by an 18-year-old Appleton resident and his parents. The youth was sexually abused by Hahn in 1986, the family charges in the complaint.

Had the Kaukauna police officer acted in 1975, the family contends, the boy would not have been subjected to the abuse 11 years later. The family is seeking unspecified punitive damages, compensation for past pain and suffering, current and future medical bills and attorney costs.

"This was not an easy decision for the family," said the father, who was contacted Friday night. He directed further inquiries to the family's attorney, who could not be reached. The filing of a claim is the first step in the legal process which could lead to a lawsuit.

Hahn, who operated the Sea Explorer (or Sea Scout) program that was based in Kaukauna, was originally charged in May with seven criminal counts related to the abuse

Abuse

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of boys ages 14, 15 and 16. The Sea Scouts maintained a meeting room, called a "ship," in Kaukauna, police said. The Boy Scouts have relieved Hahn of his responsibilities.

Hahn's arrest was based on a six-month investigation by Appleton police investigators Patrick Geenen and Dan Woodkey. They talked to more than 200 people and eventually identified 16 victims of sexual abuse.

Appleton police originally referred Hahn to the district attorney's office on 24 counts of sexual abuse. In the complaint, police said Hahn became friendly with individual Scouts and then engaged in sexual activity with them at his Appleton home and elsewhere.

Most of the sexual contact involved oral sex and masturbation, police said. All three of the boys mentioned in the complaint said Hahn took photographs of them in sexually explicit poses. Hahn reportedly told the boys the photographs were being sent to Japan. A search of Hahn's house turned up one such photograph.

The Kaukauna police chief said he became aware of his officer's alleged involvement in the case when he was contacted by Appleton police investigators.

"Appleton police led us to believe that it was possible one of our officers was involved somehow in the events that happened at the Sea Explorer," the chief said. "We immediately suspended the officer. We don't have a charge yet. We're still working with the city attorney."

A source close to the case said the officer is not suspected of engaging in sexual activity, but of ignoring it out of sympathy toward Hahn.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1989

City's legal woes may just be starting

By Ed Culhane
Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA — The alleged failure of a Kaukauna police officer to act 14 years ago on reports that juvenile boys were being sexually abused by a Boy Scout leader could spell long-term legal problems for the city, officials said Saturday.

An Appleton couple and their son filed a claim Friday against the city and the Kaukauna Police Department alleging that the officer's failure to act in 1975 allowed the sexual abuse of boys to continue for more than a decade. The couple's son was sexually abused in 1986 when he was 14 or 15 years old, the claim states.

An investigation by the Appleton Police Department uncovered the abuse in October 1988. Police were eventually able to identify 16 victims of sexual abuse, Appleton Police Chief David Gorski said last week.

The former Scout leader, Larry R. Hahn, is an Appleton resident. For almost two decades he was the leader of the Sea Scouts, who met regularly in Kaukauna. Hahn pleaded guilty May 4 to felony counts of second-degree sexual assault and child pornography and a misdemeanor count of committing an act of sexual gratification with a juvenile.

A plea bargain resulted in the dismissal of four other felony charges. Hahn is currently free on bond awaiting sentencing July

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12 in Outagamie County Circuit Court.

Kaukauna Police Chief William Appleton said he learned of the officer's reported involvement in the case from investigators with the Appleton Police Department. The police chief said he immediately suspended the officer, with pay, and ordered an internal investigation.

Officials in Kaukauna refused to identify the officer. The Post-Crescent has learned, however, that the investigation is centering on Patrolman John Bigelow, and that it is Bigelow who has been suspended. Bigelow, 45, has been on the force for 18 years, sources said.

The family who filed the claim is seeking punitive damages and compensation for past pain and suffering, current and future medical bills and legal costs. If the city disallows the claim, the family is then free to file a lawsuit in circuit court.

If the Appleton family's legal action against Kaukauna and its police department has merit, the large number of victims creates the potential for a string of lawsuits against the city.

"If it turns out that the officer did withhold information, I would expect there would be more suits coming," Appleton said Saturday. "We're extremely concerned about the entire situation," said Kaukauna Mayor Ron Van De Hey when asked about the city's legal standing.

Van De Hey said he could not discuss the case further because the internal investigation by Kaukauna police is not complete and the officer has not been charged.

"We are talking about people's lives, and we are talking about an officer's career, and until it's resolved one way or the other, it would be absolutely inappropriate for me to comment," he said.

Assistant Police Chief Patrick Campbell is conducting the department's internal investigation. He said the officer involved was a regular visitor to the Scout meeting room in Kaukauna. Some of the Scouts considered the officer an adviser, Campbell said.

"The kids have told the Appleton Police Department that they went to him (the Kaukauna officer) with the story (of sexual abuse) and he didn't do anything," Campbell said.

"Reports should have been made, and they were not. As long as he remained a police officer, he had a responsibility to act, right up to the present."

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MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1969

Firing of Bigelow is requested

By Ed Culhane
Post-Crescent staff writer

KAUKAUNA — Administrative charges have been filed against police officer John Bigelow who is accused of ignoring and then covering up the sexual abuse of teen-age boys by his friend, former Boy Scout leader Larry Hahn.

The charges were filed by Kaukauna Police Chief William Appleton who sent a letter to Rint Wenzel, chairman of the city's Police and Fire Commission, requesting that Bigelow be fired. Bigelow, 45, has been on the force for 18 years.

Appleton said in the letter that Bigelow had violated his duties as a police officer and could no longer be trusted.

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Bigelow is accused of ignoring the pleas of four Sea Scouts in 1975 to investigate Hahn for the knife-point sexual assault of a boy at the Scouts' sea base in Kaukauna.

The boys had made a tape recording that detailed their knowledge of the attack. The boys reportedly gave Bigelow the tape while Bigelow was at the sea base in uniform.

"The boys were told by the officer to keep their mouths shut and to drop the matter," Appleton wrote in the letter.

Later, Appleton said in the letter, the boys insisted on providing Bigelow with a written statement regarding Hahn's sexual abuse.

"This statement was given to Officer Bigelow and nothing evolved from the statement nor was it ever seen again," Appleton wrote.

Boys told police officers that Bigelow drank beer with Hahn at the sea base while in uniform.

Two other charges against Bigelow involve allegations that he provided Sea Scouts with beer and

that he once followed two Sea Scouts in his squad car with his emergency lights flashing for their amusement.

The commission will meet in closed session Tuesday to discuss the charges. Under state law, a public hearing will be set on the charges within 30 days.

Appleton stated that he and Assistant Chief Patrick Campbell first became aware of the allegations against Bigelow at a meeting May 5 with Police Chief David Gorski and investigators Patrick Geenen and Dan Woodkey, all of Appleton.

Hahn was charged in May with seven criminal counts related to the sexual abuse of boys ages 14, 15 and 16. He pleaded guilty May 4 to

one felony count of second-degree sexual assault, one felony count of child pornography and a misdemeanor charge of using a juvenile for sexual gratification. Sentencing is set for July 12.

A couple in Appleton has filed a claim against the city of Kaukauna alleging that Bigelow's coverup in 1975 allowed their son to be sexually abused by Hahn in 1986. The claim seeks punitive damages, compensation for pain and medical expenses.



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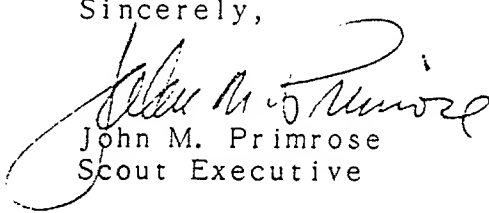
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Dear Paul:

Enclosed are several newspaper articles covering the sequence of the Larry Hahn case. There will still be the sentencing date set for July, but I think most of the news coverage has ended. A couple stories were carried on Associated Press, but many of those newspaper articles said the same thing.

Sincerely,


John M. Primrose
Scout Executive

JMP/jk

cc: Debra Duhs

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Scout leader faces sex charges

By Ed Culhane

Post-Crescent staff writer

A 45-year-old Scout leader from Appleton, now suspended, will be formally charged Thursday with seven criminal counts related to the sexual abuse of teen-age boys in the Bay Lakes Area Sea Explorers.

Larry R. Hahn, 431 E. South River St., has been summoned into Outagamie County Circuit Court on three counts of second-degree sexual assault, two counts of photographing boys engaged in sexually explicit conduct, one count of enticing a child into his residence for sexual gratification and one count of committing a sexual act of gratification with a boy.

The first six charges are felonies carrying a combined possible penalty of 60 years in prison and \$60,000 in fines.

The complaint lists three boys, ages 15, 16 and 17 at the time of the alleged incidents, but a police official said Hahn has been engaged in sexually abusive conduct with Scouts for the

better part of two decades.

The charges against Hahn are the result of a massive investigation by Appleton police that has been under way for more than six months. A police official said between 10 and 20 victims of sexual abuse have been identified.

"A lot of these people are married and have children, and they never told their family about this until we talked to them," the official said.

A Scouting official, Executive Director John Primrose, said today that Hahn has been suspended from the Boy Scouts of America. The Sea Explorer, or Sea Scout, program based in Kaukauna has been temporarily disbanded because of the criminal investigation, he said.

The inquiry began when a parent of one of the youths mentioned in the complaint contacted Appleton police. The complaint indicates that the investigation is being conducted by Appleton officers Dan Woodkey and Pat Geenen.

The complaint charges that Hahn first became friendly with individual boys, began talking them to his residence and eventually

engaged in sexual contact with them. All three boys mentioned in the complaint said Hahn took photographs of them in sexually explicit poses.

Most of the sexual contact mentioned in the complaint involved masturbation and oral sex. Hahn allegedly told the boys the photographs were being sent to Japan.

A search of Hahn's residence turned up a photograph of a boy's groin that was identified by one of the victims, the complaint states.

The Sea Scouts had a "ship," or meeting room, in Kaukauna, and some of the criminal activity took place there, the complaint states. The investigation also reached north to an island near Door County used by the Sea Scouts.

The Sea Scouts are a branch of the Boy Scout Explorer program which is open to boys and girls in high school. It involves just a handful of the 30,000 youths involved in Scouting.

"It's a very, very small part of exploring, and even a smaller part yet of our youth program," said Primrose.

Hahn enters plea agreement

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A former Boy Scout leader accused of enticing teen-age boys into sexual activity appeared in court for the first time Thursday and quickly entered pleas of guilty to three of seven charges that had been lodged against him.

Sentencing for Larry R. Hahn, 45, was scheduled for 3 p.m. July 12 by Outagamie County Circuit Judge Dee Dyer, who accepted the guilty pleas after Hahn waived his right to a preliminary hearing. The remaining four charges were dismissed and read into the record for consideration in sentencing. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered.

For the past two decades, Hahn was the leader, or "skipper," of the Bay Lakes Area Sea Explorers, commonly called Sea Scouts. The charges involved three boys, ages 15, 16 and 17. Two of the boys had been given the rank of "bos'n" under Hahn's leadership. The group met in Kaukauna.

The charges cover the time period between October 1986 and October 1988. The criminal complaint states that Hahn engaged in oral sex with the boys and took dozens of photographs featuring the boys in sexually explicit poses. He reportedly told the boys that the photographs were being sent to Japan.

A police official said Hahn's sexual activity with minors dates back to the 1970s. Investigators have identified more than 10 victims,



Post-Crescent photo by Scott Whitcomb

LARRY HAHN pleaded guilty to three sex-related charges.

spanning two generations of Scouts, but the statute of limitations has expired in many cases.

Hahn, 431 E. South River St., faces up to 20 years imprisonment under the three charges. He pleaded guilty to felony charges of second-degree sexual assault and

child pornography (photographing a boy engaged in sexually explicit contact). The third charge, committing an act of sexual gratification with a juvenile, is a misdemeanor.

Being read into the record are two felony counts of second-degree sexual assault, one felony count of child pornography and one felony count of enticing a child into a building with the intent to engage in sexual gratification.

Hahn entered the pleas under an agreement reached between defense attorney Leonard Kachinsky and Assistant Dist. Atty. John Des Jardins. The agreement allows for possible charges from two other jurisdictions, Door County and a federally controlled island off the Door County peninsula, to be read into the record.

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May 6, 1989

Scouts upgrade protection policy

By Jim Flasch
Post-Crescent staff writer

The arrest and conviction this week of an Appleton Scout leader on sex-related charges has worried parents and had a disquieting effect on the Boy Scouts of America's leadership.

But the incident is not endemic to scouting, according to John Primrose, executive director of the Boy Scouts of America Bay Lakes Council.

"Sexual abuse of children is a societal problem — not just one that finds its way into the Boy Scouts. It can be found in churches, schools, and day-care centers," Primrose said.

The Bay Lakes Council, one of the top 30 in the country, serves more than 30,000 young people through its 12,000 volunteers. "And without taking away any of the impact of this horrible tragedy, we still have to point out there are 12,000 very good volunteers, and



we hope that the public doesn't forget that," Primrose said during an interview Friday.

That record is being protected by screening processes and training techniques aimed at keeping pedophiles out.

The Boy Scouts of America's always had a youth protection policy during its 79 years of existence, and has now instituted other methods to weed out pedophiles before they can become scouting leaders.

In the past two years, a more aggressive five-part program was initiated to further reduce the hazard that child molesters can pose for innocent youngsters.

"Actually, we're making it a very hostile environment for pedophiles," Primrose said.

The first step involves a very background check on anyone wishing to become a scouting leader. Candidates must now list references, indicate if they have ever been arrested, and must produce a Social Security number.

The pre-screening of the applicants must be done at the chapter level, but "if the unit is not that familiar with the person, we can assist them in doing the reference check. Still, that won't guarantee

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we'll never have a pedophile in the program.

"They fit no specific profile, come from all walks of life, may be married, have a family, go to church and be good citizens. No profile shows a common ground in that area is to be very careful in our screening process," Primrose said.

An extensive education program, for leaders and scouts alike, is another key to keeping pedophiles out of the packs, troops and councils.

"Even our Cub Scouts read about child sexual abuse. If they have any inkling, they are to report it immediately," Primrose said.

All adult leaders view an 18-minute training film on identifying sexual abuse and what specific behavior to watch for in others. After that, there is a two-hour round-table discussion and other material.

"We're in the vanguard with that program," Primrose said. "It teaches how to identify pedophiles, and it is such a good model that other youth agencies and schools are adopting the program across the country."

There are also barriers in place which are effective in stopping pedophiles from committing sexual crimes against children. The Scouts have initiated a program whereby a leader and a Scout

can never be alone together for any function. There must always be two adults with a child, or two or more children in the company of one adult.

"That's at any sort of meeting, or function and that alone will probably cure a lot of that problem with child sexual abusers," Primrose said. "Some of those incidents happen only in a one-to-one situation. It also helps to protect both the youth and the scouting leaders from unfounded allegations."

"We're trying to protect both," he said. "That leads into the Scouts' 'Tell and Tell' program which has any suspicious activities. Lastly, there is swift removal of people who are alleged perpetrators, according to Primrose.

All 50 states now have immunity laws and "if a mistake has been made, the immunity law protects them," Primrose said. "But usually people's suspicions are correct."

Primrose said the council is very concerned about the council's very arrest and reaction concerning the Scout leader.

"Needless to say, the chapter is very, very unhappy with this event. A lot of parents out there are concerned," he added.

"As always, our first concern is for the children. They're No. 1 to us, and we just have to do a better job of protecting the young people. We're on the right track being as aggressive as we are."

May 1, 1989

Mr. John H. Primrose
Scout Executive
Bay Lakes Council, No. 635

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Larry R. Hahn

Dear John:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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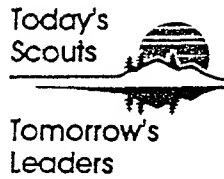
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JOHN PRIMROSE,
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Paul:

These adults are all in reference to the Larry Hahn case (Ship 5011). We felt the exposure of the youth was too great until we had heard the complete results of the investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John M. Primrose".

JMP/jk

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Appleton, WI 54911

Dear Reid:

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Enclosed is a refund check of your \$7.00 registration fee, and the \$20.00 Charter fee also refunded.

Sincerely,

John M. Primrose
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cc: Wally McGill, Area Director
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Kenosha, Wi 53140

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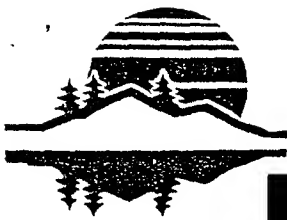
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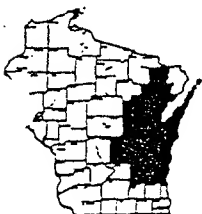
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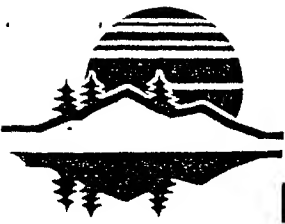
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February 17, 1989

Peter H. Krauss

Sturgeon Bay, Wi 54235

Dear Peter:

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Enclosed is a refund check of your \$7.00 registration fee.

Sincerely,

John M. Primrose
Scout Executive

JMP/jk

cc: Wally McGill, Area Director
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Kermit H. Hahn

Menasha, WI 54952

Dear Kermit:

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John R. Moder

Appleton, Wi 54912

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February 17, 1989

Stuart P. Schmitz

Appleton, Wi 54915

Dear Stuart:

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John M. Primrose
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Dear Paul:

COUNCIL COMMISSIONER
Louis E. Milsted

You are correct; it was about time for the Larry R. Hahn case to surface. However, law enforcement officials indicate it might be several months yet before arrests are made because investigations continue and many other perpetrators are involved.

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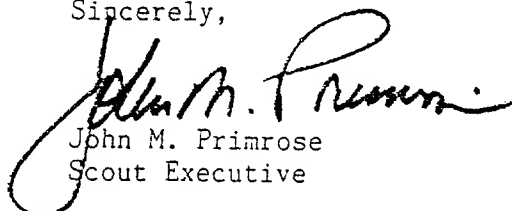
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William H. Peters

Currently, none of this has surfaced in the news.

LEGAL COUNSEL
John E. Raftery

Sincerely,

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John M. Primrose
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January 25, 1989

Mr. John M. Primrose
Scout Executive
Bay Lakes Council, No. 635

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: LARRY R. MAHN

Dear John:

We follow up on all our confidential file cases to make certain material is complete. This case has come to the "top of the stack".

We would like to know if any further information is available, and if you could send us any newspaper clippings or court records which may be available. This will continue to build our file until the legal process has been completed.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: East Central

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ERIN O'RILEY

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October 27, 1988

Mr. John M. Primrose
Scout Executive
Bay Lakes Council, No. 635

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Larry R. Hahn

Dear John:

We appreciate the material which you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This is most helpful to us and will enable us to identify Mr. Hahn, should he attempt registration at a later time.

A copy of a paper with his signature would, also, aid in the identification process.

If there are formal charges made at a later time, we would like to have newspaper clippings, court records, or other material which may be available.

We would, also, want the outcome of the legal action, including any sentencing which may take place.

We know this may take some time, but we look forward to hearing from you, periodically, on the process of this situation.

Thanks again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: East Central Region

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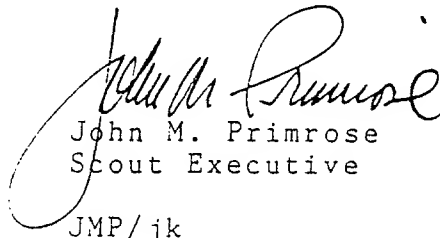
Paul Ernst
Director of Registration
National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Please remove Larry Hahn from the registration files and place the attached information in the Confidential file.

We have followed the procedures as outlined in the 1988 Second Revision of Child Sexual Abuse-How to Deal With It.

Sincerely,
BAY-LAKES COUNCIL


John M. Primrose
Scout Executive
JMP/jk

cc: Wally McGill

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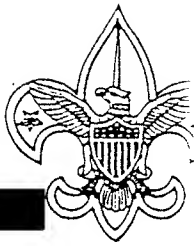


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October 10, 1988

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SUB: Meeting with Larry Hahn

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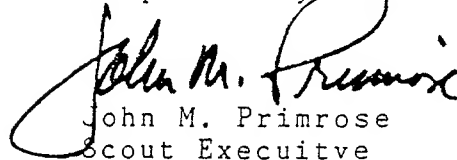
On October 10, 1988, Bruce Chudacoff, VP of Field Operations, who is also an attorney and myself met with Larry Hahn, past Skipper of Ship 5011. Larry Hahn accepted the suspension letter as attached.

Until October 10th, Larry Hahn had been the Skipper of Ship 5011 for many years. We are making no allegations. The Appleton Police (local law enforcement) are investigating Mr. Hahn and at this early stage of investigation have indentified four youth who said they were sexually assaulted by Mr. Hahn. At least one youth claims Larry Hahn threatened to "break his legs" if he ever shared their secrets. A search warrant by the police found child pornography in the home of Larry Hahn.

At this time, the police have issued no formal charges, but say charges are pending.

In addition, the Council's legal counsel, John Raftery, has been apprised and aware of this situation and has advised us to this point.

Respectfully submitted,


John M. Primrose
Scout Executive

Dated: October 12, 1988

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Sub: Larry Hahn investigation

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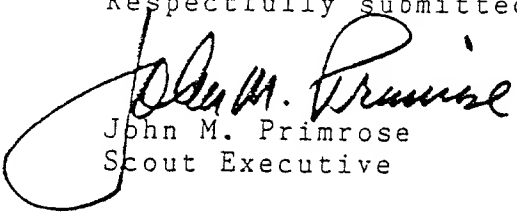
The Appleton Police are continuing the investigation of suspect Larry Hahn in child sexual abuse incidents. So far, seven youth or adults (who were abused as youth) have admitted abuse by Larry Hahn.

The police indicate that while an arrest has been made, a custodial arrest has not, and they may take up to six months to investigate. Probably no media inquiries will surface until that time.

The Appleton Police told me that the arrest was for 2nd degree sexual assault plus other lesser charges.

Paul Ernst, Debbie Duhs, Wally McGill and officers of this council have been notified. Counseling has been extended to victims through the police and social worker assigned this case. Victims and families have been encouraged to contact me, the Scout Executive, but no contacts have been made yet.

Respectfully submitted,


John M. Primrose
Scout Executive

Dated: October 19, 1988

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Larry R. Hahn

Appleton, Wi 54915


Dear Mr. Hahn:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of membership the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be granted or reinstated. The procedure for review are attached.

Sincerely yours,
BAY-LAKES COUNCIL


Bruce M. Chudacoff
VP-Operations

BMC/jk

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